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SUBJECT: IDB ANNUAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

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1. CENTRAL BANK DIRECTOR PAULO LIRA TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS HE UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIAL ISSUES WHICH GOB WILL WISH TO TAKE UP WITH US DELEGATION OR ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH BRAZIL HAS WITH BANK.

2. EMBASSY ALSO CONTACTED DR. JOSE BERARDINELLI, CHEFE DE GABINETE OF CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT GALVEAS, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS. BERARDINELLI STATED THAT IN EVENT, AS NOW SEEMS LIKELY, FINANCE MINISTER DELFIM NETO WILL LEAD BRAZILIAN DELEGATION, DELEGATION STRATEGY WILL BE WORKED OUT ON PLANE FLYING TO MEETING, OR UPON ARRIVAL IN KINGSTON. IF MINISTER UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE, HE WILL GIVE GUIDANCE TO DELEGATION ON EVE OF ITS DEPARTURE. BERARDINELLI STATED, AND EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY AWARE, THAT THIS IS TRADITIONAL METHOD OF OPERATION OF BRAZILIAN DELEGATION TO IDB MEETING.

3. BERARDINELLI INQUIRED WHO WOULD BE IN US DEL AND WE INDICATED WE HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION OTHER THAN AN INFORMAL INDICATION THAT SECRETARY SCHULTZ WOULD PROBABLY LEAD DELEGATION. BERARDINELLI INDICATED THAT IN PAST

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BRAZILIAN DELEGATION HAD ALWAYS MADE IT A POINT TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HENNESSY AND INTENDED TO DO SO AGAIN TO DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE.

4. BERARDINELLI INFORMED US THAT WHILE LIST NOT YET FIRM, COMPOSITION OF BRAZILIAN DELEGATION LIKELY TO BE QUITE SIMILAR TO THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS. AMONG NAMES MENTIONED BY BERARDINELLI WERE FINANCE MINISTER DELFIM NETO TO LEAD DELEGATION; CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT ERNANE GALVEAS WHO WOULD LEAD DELEGATION IF MINISTER UNABLE; NESTOR JOST, PRESIDENT OF BANK OF BRAZIL; RUBENS COSTA, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL HOUSING BANK; MARCOS VIANNA, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK; AND, IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS, CENTRAL BANK DIRECTOR, PAULO LIRA. THERE WOULD ALSO BE VARIOUS TECHNICAL ADVISORS. BERARDINELLI DID NOT GIVE NAMES, BUT PRESUMABLY THERE WOULD BE A CONSIDERABLE REPEAT OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED LAST YEAR.

5. EMBASSY WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH CENTRAL BANK AS TIME FOR MEETING APPROACHES, BUT CONSIDERS IT UNLIKELY THAT, IN VIEW OF FINANCE MINISTER'S MANNER OF HANDLING DELEGATION, EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION OF SUBSTANCE PRIOR TO MEETING.

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